<u>**Amendments to the Claims:**</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A data management method using a network system which includes a server, a client terminal and a plurality of data servers, comprising:

a reception step of making the server receive a user's data storage request and data to be stored from the client terminal;

a select step of making the server automatically select data servers for storing the data from the plurality of data servers, the selected data servers <u>being different from each other</u> <u>and</u> including <u>at least a</u> <u>first data server and a second</u> data server, <u>said first data server being</u> located in an area which is different from an area of user's address registered by the user of the client terminal, ~~and a~~ <u>said second</u> data server <u>being</u> located in an area with a [[low]] disaster rate of occurrence <u>equal to or smaller than a predetermined threshold</u>; and

a storage step of making the server send the data to the selected data servers, and store the data in the selected data servers.

Claim 2-3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a step of making the server acquire disaster information from a disaster information database that provides disaster information, and search for the area with a [[low]] disaster rate of occurrence <u>equal to or smaller than a predetermined threshold</u> on the basis of the acquired disaster information for selecting the server in the select step.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, further

comprising:

a step of making the server encrypt the data, and

wherein the storage step includes the step of:

making the server send the data encrypted by different methods to the respective

data servers, and store the data in the data servers

Claim 6 (previously presented):   The method according to claim 5,

further comprising:

a step of making the server periodically acquire the encrypted data

from the data servers;

a step of making the server decrypt the acquired data; and

a step of making the server compare the decrypted data.

Claim 7 (previously presented):   The method according to claim 1,

further comprising:

a step of making the server send to the client terminal addresses of the data

servers that store the data.

Claim 8 (previously presented):   The method according to claim 5, further

comprising:

a step of making the server send to the client terminal addresses of the data

servers that store the data, and a key used to decrypt the encrypted data.

Claim 9 (previously presented):   The method according to claim 1, wherein

information of the user's address is pre-stored in the server.

Claim 10 (previously presented):   The method according to claim 1, further

comprising:

a step of making the data server receive a user's data transmission request

from the client terminal; and

a step of making the data server send data associated with the data transmission

request to the client terminal.

Claim 11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A server comprising:

reception means for receiving a user's data storage request and data to be

stored sent from a client terminal;

select means for automatically selecting data servers for storing the data

from a plurality of data servers, the selected data servers <u>being different from each other</u>

<u>and</u> including <u>at least a first data server and a second</u> data server<u>, said first data server</u>

<u>being</u> located in an area which is different from an area of user's address registered by the

user of the client terminal, ~~and a~~ <u>said second</u> data server <u>being</u> located in an area with a

[[low]] disaster rate of occurrence <u>equal to or smaller than a predetermined threshold</u>; and

sending means for sending the data to the selected data servers via a

communication line.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A computer program for making a computer

function as:

reception means for receiving a user's data storage request and data to be

stored sent from a client terminal;

select means for automatically selecting data servers for storing the data

from a plurality of data servers, the selected data servers <u>being different from each other</u>

<u>and</u> including <u>at least a first and a second</u> data server<u>, said first data server being</u> located

in an area which is different from an area of user's address registered by the user of the

client terminal<u>, said second data server being</u> ~~and a data server~~ located in an area with a

[[low]] disaster rate of [[occurence]] <u>occurrence equal to or smaller than a predetermined</u>

<u>threshold</u>; and

sending means for sending the data to the selected data servers via a

communication line.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A data management system including a

control server, a client terminal, and a plurality of data servers, which can communicate with

each other via a communication line,

said control server comprising:

reception means for receiving a user's data storage request and data to be

stored sent from the client terminal;

select means for automatically selecting data servers for storing the data

from the plurality of data servers, the selected data servers <u>being different from each</u>

<u>other and</u> including <u>at least</u> a <u>first data server and a second</u> data server<u>, said first data</u>

<u>server being</u> located in an area which is different from an area of user's address

registered by the user of the client terminal ~~and a data server~~<u>, said second data server</u>

<u>being</u> located in an area with a [[low]] disaster rate of occurrence <u>equal to or smaller</u>

<u>than a predetermined threshold</u>; and

sending means for sending the data to the selected data servers, and

said data [[server]] <u>servers</u> comprising:

means for storing the data sent from said control server.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The server according to claim 12, wherein said select means automatically selects the data server based on the user's service subscription qualification level.

Claim 16 (canceled).

Claim 17 (previously presented): The server according to claim 15 wherein said sending means encrypts the data using an encryption method corresponding to the data servers selected by said select means.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The server according to claim 15, wherein the service subscription qualification level is determined based on a subscription fee for a service.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The server according to claim 15, wherein the service subscription qualification level is determined based on a service subscription term.

Claim 20-21 (canceled).

Claim 22 (previously presented): The server according to claim 15, wherein said select means selects a data server with a lowest suffering risk from the plurality of data servers corresponding to the service subscription qualification level of the user who issued the storage request, and a server with a lowest suffering risk of the data servers in a different area from the area of user's address registered by the user who issued the storage request.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The server according to claim 15, wherein when the user's service subscription qualification level has changed, said select means re-selects the data servers, and said sending means sends the data again to the data servers re-selected by said select means.

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Claim 24 (previously presented): The server according to claim 15, wherein said select means re-selects the data servers in accordance with a change in disaster information, and said sending means sends the data again to the data servers re-selected by said select means.

Claim 25 (canceled).

Claim 26 (previously presented): The server according to claim 15, further comprising checking means for checking authenticity of the data stored in the data server.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The server according to claim 26, wherein said checking means checks authenticity by comparing data which are associated with an identical storage request and are stored in the data servers.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The server according to claim 26, wherein said checking means checks if data becomes fraudulent due to a memory medium.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The server according to claim 26, wherein said checking means checks if data becomes fraudulent due to tampering of data.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The server according to claim 29, wherein when said checking means determines that the data becomes fraudulent due to tampering of data, said checking means sends a message indicating this to a client terminal that issued the storage request of the data.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The server according to claim 15, further comprising authentication means for authenticating if the user who issued the storage request is a member who subscribes to the service, and accepts only the storage request from the user authenticated by said authentication means.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The server according to claim 15, further comprising authentication means for checking authenticity of the data server selected by said

select means, and said sending means sends data in only the data servers authenticated by said

authentication means.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The server according to claim 15, further

comprising notify means for sending at least various storage condition data associated with a

data storage process to a client terminal that issued the storage request.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The server according to claim 33, wherein

said notify means sends encryption algorithm and key data in addition to storage location data of

the data associated with the storage request as the storage condition data.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The server according to claim 33, wherein

the client device includes storage means for storing at least the storage condition data sent from

said notify means.

Claim 36-37 (canceled).

Claim 38 (previously presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein

the server automatically selects the data servers based on the user's service subscription

qualification level in the select step.

Claim 39-60 (canceled).

Claim 61 (previously presented): The system according to claim 14, wherein

said select means automatically selects the data servers based on the user's service subscription

qualification level.

Claim 62-83 (canceled).

Claim 84 (previously presented): The computer program according to claim

13, wherein said select means automatically selects the data servers based on the user's service

subscription qualification level.

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